Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1. (currently amended) A method for processing ~~an~~ paper expense receipt comprising the steps

2   of:

3   receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual

4   incurring an expense;

5   receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt from the

6   computer input device;

7   processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

8   populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

9   displaying the electronic expense report to the individual.

1   2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of creating an electronic image~~

2   ~~is performed by~~ computer input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine,

3   personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

1   3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer processor is a mainframe computer,

2   computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital assistant, telephone, or

3   communicator.

1   4. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of storing the electronic image in

2   non-volatile memory.

1   5. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is

2   further comprised of the steps of:

3   using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   6. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the step of displaying the electronic expense report

2   is performed with a web browser or a specialized viewer.

1   7. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense data is date of expense, expense

2   amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   8. (currently amended) The method of claim 0 further comprising the steps of:

2   receiving additional data;

3   modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;

4   displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and

5   storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1   9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 8 wherein the additional data is approval

2   signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1   10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the additional expense data is comprised of

2   expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,

3   car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

1   11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the additional expense data is electronic data

2   received from a second computer processor.

1   12. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report contains expense data from a

2   plurality of expense receipts.

1   13. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of encrypting the electronic

2   image.

1   14. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of encrypting the expense

2   report.

1   15. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the computer applies a set of expense rules to the

2   expense data.

1   16. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of transferring the expense

2   report to an accounting system.

1   17. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report and the electronic image are

2   stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.

1   18. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report and receipt image are displayed

2   simultaneously.

1   19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   20. (deleted)

1   21. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of checking for duplicate

2   receipts.

1   22. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer processor is accessed remotely via a

2   computer network.

1   23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a

2   computer system to perform a method for storing a̶n̶ <u>paper</u> expense receipt comprising the steps

3   of:

4   <u>receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual</u>

5   <u>incurring an expense</u>;

6   receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt;

7   processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

8   populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

9   displaying the electronic expense report <u>to the individual</u>.

1   24. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the̶ ̶s̶t̶e̶p̶ ̶o̶f̶

2   c̶r̶e̶a̶t̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶a̶n̶ ̶e̶l̶e̶c̶t̶r̶o̶n̶i̶c̶ ̶i̶m̶a̶g̶e̶ ̶i̶s̶ ̶p̶e̶r̶f̶o̶r̶m̶e̶d̶ ̶b̶y̶ <u>computer input device is</u> a <u>portable</u> scanner, digital

3   camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator

4   camera.

1   25. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer processor is a

2   mainframe computer, computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital

3   assistant, telephone, or communicator.

1   26. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method if further

2   comprised of the step of storing the electronic image in non-volatile memory.

1   27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of processing the

2   electronic image is further comprised of the steps of:

3   using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   28. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of displaying the

2   electronic expense report is performed with a web browser or a specialized viewer.

1   29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense data is comprised

2   of date of expense, expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   30. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method further

2   comprises the steps of:

3   receiving additional data;

4   modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;

5   displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and

6   storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1   31. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 30 wherein the additional data is

2   approval signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1   32. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 31 wherein the additional expense data is

2   expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,

3   car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

1   33. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 31 wherein the additional expense data is

2   electronic data received from a second computer processor.

1   34. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report contains

2   expense data from a plurality of expense receipts.

1   35. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of

2   encrypting the electronic image.

1   36. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of

2   encrypting the expense report.

1   37. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer applies a set of

2   expense rules to the expense data.

1   38. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of

2   transferring the expense report to an accounting system.

1   39. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and the

2   electronic image are stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.

1   40. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   41. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report, a list of

2   scanned receipts, and receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1   42. (deleted)

1   43. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method is further

2   comprised of the step of checking for duplicate receipts.

1   44. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer processor is

2   accessed remotely via a computer network

1   45. (currently amended) A system for processing ~~an~~ <u>paper</u> expense receipt comprised of:

2   a computer input device for receiving the paper expense receipt from an individual

3   incurring an expense, and ~~a receipt image input device for~~ creating an electronic image of the

4   <u>receipt</u> ~~input device~~;

5   a computer processor in communication with the <u>computer input device</u> ~~receipt~~

6   a software module operating on the computer processor for processing the electronic

7   image to obtain expense data;

8   a software module operating on the computer processor for filling in an expense report

9   with the expense data; and

10   a display in communication with the computer on which the expense report is displayed

11   <u>to the individual</u>.

1   46. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprised of non-volatile memory in

2   communication with the computer processor memory for storing the expense report.

1   47. (currently amended) The system of claim 45 wherein the ~~device for creating an electronic~~

2   ~~image is performed by~~ <u>computer input device is</u> a scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine,

3   personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

1   48. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the computer processor is a mainframe computer,

2   computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital assistant or telephone.

1   49. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the software module for processing the electronic

2   image is further comprised of:

3   a character recognition software module to obtain text data from the electronic image;

4   a parsing software module for parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1   50. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein display is comprised of a web browser or a

2   specialized viewer.

1   51. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense data is comprised of date of expense,

2   expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1   52. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a second input device for receiving

2   additional data to modify the expense report.

1   53. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~1~~ <u>52</u> wherein the additional data is approval

2   signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1   54. (original) The system of claim 53 wherein the additional expense data is comprised of

2   expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,

3   car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

1   55. (original) The system of claim 53 wherein the additional expense data is electronic data from

2   a second computer processor.

1   56. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module operating on the

2   computer processor for encrypting the electronic image.

1   57. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module for applying a set of

2   expense rules to the expense data and expense report.

1   58. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and the electronic image are

2   stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.

1   59. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and receipt image are

2   displayed simultaneously.

1   60. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and

2   receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

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1   62. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising further comprising a software module

2   to check for duplicate receipts.

1   63. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein said system is accessed remotely via a computer

2   network.